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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH - TOASTS AND DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING ARE TOASTS MADE AT DINNER GIVEN BY GOM IN
HONOR OF CODEL JAN. 16 AND REPRESENTATIVE SMITH'S DEPARTURE
STATEMENT AT RABAT/SALE AIRPORT JAN. 17.

2. TOAST (ENGLISH TRANSLATION) GIVEN BY PRESIDENT OF
MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT, DEY SIDI OULD BABA, AT DINNER IN
HONOR OF CODEL AT HOTEL TOUR HASSAN, RABAT JAN. 16.
BEGIN TEXT. AFTER THIS TYPICALLY MOROCCAN RECEPTION
WHICH, I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE, THE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION RECEIVED DURING ITS STAY IN OUR CITY, I
WOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO SAY HOW PLEASED WE ARE BY THE
PRESENCE OF THIS IMPORTANT DELEGATION FROM THE AMERICAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO HAVE
HAD SOME PARTICULARLY SUSEFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM.
I DON'T BELIEVE I WILL HAVE TO INFLECT A LONG SPEECH
ON YOU AFTER THIS DINNER, BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
THERE ARE THINGS MORE ELOQUENT THAN LONG SPEECHES, AND
THAT IS THE SENTIMENT THAT EACH OF US FEELS IN HIS HEART
THE FEELING OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND ESTEEM WHICH EXISTS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND BETWEEN OUR SOVEREIGN,
HIS MAJESTY HASSAN II, AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
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OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. CARTER. I THINK WHAT I WILL
SAY IS THAT THIS MORNING, I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT I
HAD SPOKEN AT GREAT LENGTH AND SO, AS I JUST SAID, I
WON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLECT A LONG SPEECH ON
YOU NOW; ALL I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IS, IN ALL SIMPLICITY,
THAT WE RISE AND LIFT OUR GLASSES TO THE HEALTH OF HIS
EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND TO THE PERMANENCE OF THE PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, END TEXT.

3. RESPONSE TO TOAST BY SIDI BABA GIVEN BY CODEL CHAIRMAN,
THE HON. NEAL SMITH (D., IOWA). BEGIN TEXT. MR. PRESIDENT,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
AFTER PARTAKING OF YOUR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY FOR THE PAST
THREE DAYS IT IS RATHER DIFFICULT, PERHAPS, FOR SOME OF US
TO COME BACK DOWN TO EARTH AND REALIZE WE HAVE TO GO BACK
TO THE COLD WEATHER AND TO COLD WEATHER AND TO VISIT OUR CONSTITUENTS
.
WE RUN FOR REELECTION THIS YEAR AS WE DO EVERY TWO YEARS-WE HAVE
TO GET THEIR APPROVAL AND THEY HAVE A WAY OF KEEPING US HUMBLE.

I REMEMBER ONE TIME I WALKED UP TO A GROUP OF MY
CONSTITUENTS. I INTRODUCED MYSELF AND I SAID "MY NAME
IS NEAL SMITH AND I AM A CANDIDATE FOR REELECTION."
ONE OF THEM LOOKED AT ME AND HE SAID, "YES, I KNOW,
WE WERE JUST LAUGHING ABOUT THAT LAST NIGHT." ANYWAY, WE
DO VIEW IT AS A SINGULAR HONOR FOR US TO BE THE FIRST
AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL GUESTS OF THE NEW MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT.
WE HAVE BEEN MOST IMPRESSED TO WITNESS THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ELECTORAL PROVISIONS OF YOUR 1972 CONSTITUTION AND
TO VIEW THE PROCESS AS AN IMPORTANT ADVANCE FOR THE CAUSE
OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR FIRST
SESSION LAUNCHED YOU ON YOUR WAY IN GOOD FASHION AND THAT
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PARLIAMENT HAS BEGUN TO PLAY ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE
LIFE OF THE COUNTRY.
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR THIS HAPPY BEGINNING.
I HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO
RECEIVING MANY OF YOU DURING THE COMING MONTHS. WE HAVE
MUCH TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER IN THIS INTERDEPENDENT WORLD.
OUR TWO REPRESENTATIVE BODIES CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRI-
BUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE UNIQUE HISTORICAL TIES WHICH
HAVE BOUND US FOR OVER TWO CENTURIES. AND EVEN MORE
IMPORTANTLY, WE CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER UNDERSTAND OUR PROBLEMS
AS WE PROCEED WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS. AND MAY I
PROPOSE A TOAST TO HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II UNDER WHOSE
WISE LEADERSHIP YOUR AUGUST BODY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, END TEXT.

4. STATEMENT GIVEN BY CONGRESSMAN SMITH ON CODEL'S
DEPARTURE FROM RABAT/SALE AIRPORT, JAN. 17. BEGIN TEXT.
ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE AMERICAN DELEGATION HERE, I WANT
TO SAY THAT WE VERY, VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE GREAT
HOSPITALITY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AND THE RECEPTION THAT
WE HAVE RECEIVED. I THINK WE HAVE PROFITED A GREAT DEAL
FROM IT. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION
TO PRIME MINISTER OSMAN AND TO FOREIGN MINISTER

BOUCETTA AND ALSO OF COURSE TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
CHAIRMAN OF YOUR PARLIAMENT - AS WE WOULD CALL A CHAIRMAN
OF YOUR PARLIAMENT - MR. DEY OULD SIDI BABA. I THINK WE
HAVE PROFITED A GREAT DEAL FROM THIS EXCHANGE AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO MEMBERS OF YOUR PARLIAMENT AND YOUR GOVERNMENT
COMING TO WASHINGTON FOR AN INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS SO THAT
WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER AND BECOME EVEN CLOSER
THAN WE HAVE DURING THE LAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS. THANK YOU.
END TEXT.ANDERSON

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